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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)
480032-307

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,761,834 granted June 9, 1998and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Footgear With Pressure Relief Zones

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on June 9, 2000 as reissue application number 09/593,462
and was amended several times; last 1/23/04
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/2B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

The claims presented in the present application are broader in some respects and narrower in other respects as compared with the claims in issued U.S. Patent No. 5,761,834. For example, the claims in this application as amended are broader in that they are not limited to a walker and do not include "means for independently modifying support of the foot provided at each section location", nor do they include a "bladder". However, the claims are more limited than the claims of U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,834 in that they include the limitation that "said grid pattern of resilient sections constituting means for providing a multiplicity of sections that sway laterally independently of one another in response to forces applied by the foot, thereby reducing shear stresses on the bottom of the foot as the user walks along".

This broadening and narrowing of the claims may be found in allowed claims 48 and 49, for example, and in other claims.

I hereby claim the benefit under 36 U.S.C. Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below:

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this

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